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**OTHER ART** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AN	NIMB Beam Interactions with Materials & Atoms, "Surface modification of nanoparticles for radiation curable acrylate clear coatings", F. Bauer, et al., 2003, page 267-270.						
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